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"Long may it wave o'er the  
land of the Free and the Home  
of the Brave."

## MUSINGS BY THE WAY.

We often hear of people who take  
delight in the misfortune of others.  
With us it is a business to handle such  
matters, particularly when the unfor-  
tunate is arrested for some crime it  
is our business to write it up. It is a  
matter of news, not of delight with us.

Sometimes it seems to happen, that  
these who seemingly take delight in  
the misfortunes of others, get in  
wrong and are arrested. We have  
heard of such, and of publicity given,  
and then have heard of such people  
behaving the fact that they had been  
singled out for publicity.

It seemingly had never penetrated  
their mind that if they had not done  
something in violation of laws and or-  
dinances, that they would not have  
been arrested. Yet they blame the  
publications for publicity given them.  
Publicity which is the direct result of  
their own deeds and actions. Blame  
properly placed would be upon them-  
selves.

CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR IS  
OUT

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The Gratiot Co. State Bank vs. Alexander Stewart and Viola Stewart,  
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In the matter of the petition of Chas. H. Chase for the dissolution of the Gratiot County Journal.

In the matter of the petition of Charles H. Chase for the dissolution of the Bridgman Pub. Co.

Roy C. Grubaugh and Della Grubaugh vs. George L. Jessup.

Samuel F. Anderson vs. Michael M. Hauck and Francis O. Hauck.

Joseph Nordella vs. Nevada Rockwell and C. A. Miller.

James L. Lovering vs. George E. Sharrar et al.

Theodore D. Martin and Mary Martin vs. Frank W. Ruggles et al.

New Divorce Cases

Lela Layman vs. William Layman, Helen Gyor vs. Carl Gyor.

Mabel Campbell vs. Howard Campbell.

Carrie E. Smith vs. George E. Smith.

Lillian Reed vs. Arthur B. Reed.

## Do Every Task Well.

Instead of belittling any job think of it in terms of finished production. If the thing still looks crude you have not put your best into it. You must see improvement in the next item. Keep straight lines out of your curves, and the curves out of what should be straight. Do every task so well that it will be a constant testimonial to the hand that has done the work. At times it will slow down your pace, but it will add to your value as a workman. In the end it will add to your speed and all you do will be well done. Get the habit of putting pride into your efforts and you are on the road to success however hard it may be to travel. Remember there can be little merit in the thing you are ashamed of.—Pennsylvania Grit.

## An Animal That Imitates Fruit.

An animal which the Filipinos call cangan is one of the most curious mammals that exist, offering at the same time the characteristics of monkey and bat. It hangs from a branch downward, its four feet together and its head between its paws. In this position it is never disturbed by birds or beasts of prey, for it resembles some unpalatable fruit of great size, of which there are many examples in the tropical woods. The cangan harmonizes so well with the bark of the tree on which it seeks its roost that it feels practically certain that it will not be molested.

## The Cow Wan.

An official of the board of health in Massachusetts town notified a citizen that his license to keep a cow on his premises had expired. In reply to this letter the official received the following communication: "Monsieur Bord of Hell—I just get your notice that my license to keep my cow has expired. I wish to inform you, Monsieur Bord of Hell, that my cow she beat you to it—she expired three week ago. Much obliged. Yours with respect, 'PECK'."

## THOUGHT WILL RULE WORLD

Scientist Asserts Ships at Sea Will Be Controlled From Shores and Gasoline Will Be Grown Like Corn.

In the lobby of a big Fifth avenue club one evening recently, a group of scientific men were discussing the war as being the necessity that will bring about some startling inventions, notes a New York correspondent. If the sprinkling of intellectual luminati were not stamped by genius, it is probable that an ordinary bystander would have tapped his forehead knowingly.

One of them was telling about a scientist who is already telephoning to airplanes without wires. And another quoted a famous inventor who said that it would only be a short while until all telephone wires would be abolished as unnecessary.

"The fact is," he said, "that telephone wires do not in reality carry our messages. Every scientist knows that. Back of it all is the great process of thought which we are only beginning feebly to understand."

"The more we delve into this process of thought—whatever it is—the more we come to the conclusion that the material phenomena is the projection of thought. We know that every material thing comes from a thought or an idea."

"We are arriving at the conclusion that even space is thought, for we are annihilating space every day through a thinking process. It will not be many generations before every ship at sea is controlled by thought from shore. Our trains are going to be run without fuel, and we are going to grow gasoline just like we raise corn."

## BUTCHER CITES BIG PROFITS

Meat Dealer Points Out Pills, Mineral Water and False Teeth as Producers of Immense Margins.

"Talk about food profiteers!" growled the butcher, as he charged up a two-pound rump steak at 90 cents a pound. "Why I know people whose profit has been from time immemorial 6,000 per cent. and more. Yet you don't jump on them. Why, then, jump on me?"

"Take Junck's liver pill, for instance. I know Otto Junck's bookkeeper, and the man tells me that this Junck pill sells wholesale at exactly 6,000 per cent. profit."

"Take mineral water—plain soda. You can make and sell plain soda at a profit of 40,000 per cent. And, mind you, no kicks."

"Take false teeth. They used to make false teeth out of ivory, and in those days it was right to charge \$100 a set for them. But now false teeth are made of porcelain. They cost 10 cents apiece. Dentist's profit, 78,000 per cent."

"So I could go on. And you ask me if my conscience isn't sore about this 90-cent rump steak. Oh!"

## Center of Fashion.

Paris, the center of the world's fashions, has no fewer than 60,000 women dressmakers, not counting designers and fitters, which would bring the number up to close on 100,000. The designers, who sketch out their ideas in pen and ink or with water-colors, and often originate the fashions that prevail throughout the world, earn easily over four figures a year, observes a correspondent.

Good mannequins are the most difficult to obtain. Some of the largest Parisian houses employ twenty or thirty, whose whole time is passed in trying on dresses before the eyes of fashionable French women. Naturally the numbers are fewer nowadays, and many of the most famous mannequins of Paris are now nursing in the hospitals or employed in the French munition works.

## Forty Miles of Jam.

So enormous has the business of jam making become in Dundee, Scotland, since the great firms there organized to supply preserves to the British army and navy that, according to a report sent by E. R. Pottle, U. S. vice consul there, to the department of commerce, the tins in which they put up one week's supply alone "would, if stood end on end, form a column fully 40 miles high. It is no unusual thing for this firm to deal with 100,000,000 oranges, and all kinds of fruit are dealt with on a similar scale."

The Dundee manufacturers are about to give up the use of earthenware, glass jars and tins, for a stout cardboard container is now being made and experiments with it have proved highly successful.

## Referred to Boy Scouts.

When war broke out a young man who was every kind of rogue suddenly acquired a brand-new conscience, and worked it overtime, says London Tit-Bits. When he came before the tribunal he had got his conscientious objections all cut and dried. The chairman listened gravely for a little while, until the bogus C. O. warning to his subject, began to get flowery.

"Yes," he cried, lifting his eyes to heaven. "In 1905 I was born again!" "In that case," broke in the chairman, quietly, "have you any objection to joining the boy scouts?"

## Lumping Them On.

A tiny girl had made it her custom to enumerate by name all the members of the family and the close friends, in her evening prayers, but at the close of a strenuous day of play she was tired and after the opening petition she yawned, then added sleepily: "And please just bless the whole bunch."

## Reclaimed Much Land.

Since beginning operations the Toronto Harbor commission has reclaimed 800 acres of land in connection with their part of the work of the harbor front development scheme. Taking the value of the new land at \$10,000 an acre the harbor board has created an additional asset of \$3,000,000.

"The Man Without a Country," a big special feature—Idlehour, Wednesday—adv.

## BOARD HOLDS NO MEETINGS

President Decides All Questions for Members, but Never Calls Them In for a Conference.

There is no more familiar title among government departments than the board of trade. It seems to be responsible for all kinds of things and all sorts of undertakings and happenings. It will find a chairman or negotiate a commercial treaty. It consists of a president and a large number of members among whom are reckoned the Archbishop of Canterbury and the speaker of the house of commons, a writer in London Tit-Bits states.

By law these members have a right to be called to discuss questions of trade and to help the president to shape his policy, yet the fact remains no meetings are ever held! The president never dreams of calling his committee together. He does much as he likes, comes to his own decisions, and then announces that "the board thinks so and so."

One wonders what would happen if the archbishop or some other member were to insist upon being consulted, this surprising method of doing business should cease.

The board of trade does not stand alone. Every school-teacher in the land knows that "my lords" say this and "my lords" rule that. Their full title is "the lords of the committee of the privy council of education," but they never meet, and the vice president would probably be puzzled to name a half-dozen of them. Mr. Fisher and his predecessors rule without "my lords," but in their name. Thus do they get credit for the good they do and are a refuge in the day of storm.

## HIGH COST IN WASHINGTON

Houses and Apartments Rent at Fabulous Prices—One Woman Promises Ordinary Wear and Tear.

Two women sat at a local theater the other night. They were dressed "fit to kill," in the good old Hoosier idiom, and wore diamonds galore, writes Charles E. Tracewell in Washington Star.

They were talking about the subject of rents, a topic of absorbing interest in Washington just now, when a house or apartment of any kind is difficult to obtain for love or money.

It has been a matter of gossip that many wealthy people have come to Washington recently, and that many of these have rented furnished houses and apartments at fabulous rates.

The two women at the theater were discussing this very thing. What was more, one of them was one of those wealthy ones in question, judging from what she said.

"You know, my dear," she was saying to the other, "I won't say I'm going to use an ax, but—she smiled significantly—"when my lease is over"—and she smiled again—"well, there is going to be some ordinary wear and tear, my dear, there is going to be some ordinary wear and tear."

## The Judge, He Knows.

"What, you here again?" exclaimed a New York police magistrate when his eyes fell upon a familiar face before the bar. "Why, you're only out of the workhouse," said the magistrate to the man, who was arraigned for striking his wife. "Well, you see, judge," began the prisoner, "we have mice in the house—you know how it is, judge—and my wife set a trap for them. I was going around the room in my bare feet—you know how it is, judge—not thinking of the trap. I stepped on the bait and my big toe caught in the sharp wire noose—you know how it is, judge." "What's that got to do with striking your wife?" "I threw the trap at her—you know how it is, judge—and she didn't dodge it." "No, I don't know how it is," "I had one drink—you know how it is, judge." "Two months in the workhouse—you know how it is," said the magistrate.

## Tractor Has Feet and Legs.

A tractor without wheels designed especially for dragging cultivators in cornfields, is described by Popular Mechanics Magazine. Instead of wheels it has four legs with ski-shaped feet, these legs having hip, knee and ankle joints and they take steps like those of an animal.

The legs are driven by a gasoline motor. They are steered around corners by making those on one side take longer steps than those on the other and reversing is accomplished by transferring the knee-caps from the front to the back of the joints.

The machine can straddle a row of six-foot corn without touching the stalks.

## Where Are the Germans, Mamma?

Mother's four-year-old is very much interested in the war. He often hears his father reading the war news.

"What is a fort?" he asked his mamma, recently.

"There is one near the city," the mother said. "I'll take you out there some day," and she kept her word.

When the four-year-old had seen the buildings and the soldiers drilling, and mother had explained to him the object of the training, the little lad asked:

"But where are the Germans, mamma?"—Indianapolis News.

## All Gone Feeling.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "is so smart dat when dey gets through talkin' you don't feel helped none. You jes' feels kind of lonesome an' ignorant."

## Meaning of "Bethany."

"Bethany" means "the house of dates." We are thus reminded that the palm tree grew in the neighborhood of the Mount of Olives. The word thoinia which occurs in Acts 11:19 and 15:3 is probably derived from the Greek word for palm.—Exchange.

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## BOAR HUNT GIVES THRILLS

Sport Which Once Was Special Amusement of Kings, Is Still in Vogue in West Indies.

That all the romance usually supposed to belong to the brave days of old has not gone out of the world is indicated by a traveler's story of wild boar hunting in the West Indies. This sport was once the special amusement of kings.

"We were retracing our steps to a mountaineer's cabin, when our dog left us with a yelp, and away we all went pell-mell after him," says this narrator. "A run of 20 rods brought us to the dog and a huge black boar, 30 feet away, which had turned to protect the retreat of a herd of wild hogs scampering away behind. There stood the savage fellow, all head, bristling shoulders, jaws and tusks, clamping and cracking his jaws, a splendid picture of ferocious bravery."

"To one side and another he sprang as the dog crowded him. Then he would charge the dog and whirl in the air, scattering the earth like an exploding shell. Closer crowded the two antagonists, in air half the time, each bent on death, the dog frequently clearing the boar at a bound, and maddening him with savage snapping and lacerations of shoulders or hams. Over and under went the dog with marvelous agility; but every charge from the dog brought a still more savage counter-charge from the boar."

"For 40 feet in every direction the forest ground looked like a freshly

plowed field, and it seemed to my startled eyes as though a cyclone of dog, boar, mud, bark and froth had descended into the darkening covert. The dog and my guide Jose became apparently a part of the cyclone, though no mortal eyes could have followed their movements or their gymnastics. I do not know how long this lasted. I saw a flash of fire, and through the roar heard a shot. Then the whirlwind seemed to fall upon Jose. I saw the gleam of his machete somewhere in its very core. Then a Cuban yell went up that set the tree limbs vibrating, and I approached, to find the boar dead."

## ASSIST GOVERNMENT BY ORDERING ALL YOUR FARM SUPPLIES NOW.

The great need of the railroads just now is cars, and more cars—that it may care for normal traffic and assure the extra burden of troop and munition movements. But it cannot get more cars over night, or tomorrow, or the next day. Thus it must try to make its cars carry more—make one car do the work which two cars did before the war. This is where you can help.

When a dealer gets an order for farm supplies, machinery, feed or coal, he holds it until he gets more to go with it—if he has time. If you get your orders in early this year, you will make the dealer happy, facilitate transportation, aid the government, and help yourself by insuring delivery before the time when goods are needed.

## MARKET NOTES

## Nelson Smith

## OFFERS FOR

## BEANS

Dry Beans Basis of \$11.50 Damp Beans Basis of \$10.00

## HAY

No. 1 Clover per ton	\$22.00	No. 3 Timothy per ton	\$18.00
Light Mixed per ton	\$21.00	Feeding Hay per ton	\$19.00
Heavy Mixed per ton	\$20.00	Wheat Straw per ton	\$7.00
No. 1 Timothy per ton	\$22.00	Oat Straw per ton	\$8.00
No. 2 Timothy per ton	\$20.00	Rye Straw per ton	\$8.00

## Wholesale and Retail Produce

Cable Warehouse South End of Gratiot Avenue  
Both Phones ALMA, MICH.

## Gerhardt Store News

## SPECIAL

## PRICES

Colored Silk Poplin Skirts, regular price \$8.50, for - - - \$6.00  
\$30.00 Coats for - - - \$16.88  
\$16.50 Coats for - - - \$12.50  
\$18.75 Coats for - - - \$14.50  
One lot of Coats at - - - \$9.98  
Skating Caps at - - - \$1.25  
Ladies' all wool Hose, worth \$1 - 85c  
Best Hockey Caps for - - - 50c  
\$1.00 Fancy Caps for - - - 85c

## J. A. Gerhardt

## Library Voting Coupon

Cut this out and deposit it in the ballot box at Murphy's Drug Store.

Good for 10 votes for your favorite lodge, school, church, or for any organization.

Vote for .....

## EVE RYBODY SMOKES

## TRANSFER CIGARS

Because They Are MILD

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## The European Cafe

We Serve Those

## Bounteous Meals

that are reasonable in price.  
They are cooked right and served right.

## Fine Lunches

served for the busy people.

For the next ten weeks we will observe the closing hours set by Prudden and Garfield

## The European Cafe

NICK BARDAVELL & CO.

## LIBRARY CONTEST

A beautiful Library of 100 volumes and cases to be given away in a Library Contest.

This handsome Library and case will be given by vote to the Church, School, Lodge or Society in Alma having the largest number of votes in the following manner:

The business men listed below will give with each 5-cent purchase five votes.

The contest begins Nov. 23 and ends June 1st, 1918, at 7 o'clock p. m. A ballot box has been placed in Charles R. Murphy's Drug Store, where all ballots are to be deposited. At the close of the contest the Church, School, Lodge or Society having the largest number of votes will be awarded the Library. Current accounts when promptly paid will be entitled to votes. Remember, votes can only be secured from the merchants listed below. The Library and cases are now on exhibition in the show window of G. V. Wright's Furniture Store. The following is a list of the merchants. Patronize these merchants and get busy with the votes:

MAYNARD PRINGLE, Dentist.

J. E. CONVERSE, Jeweler.

J. R. ARCOTT, Tinning and Sheet Metal Work.

EUROPEAN CAFE AND CONFECTIONERY, Nick Bardavell & Co., Props.

J. A. GERHARDT, Dry Goods and Ladies' Furs.

J. G. McCLASKEY

Cleaning and Pressing. Over Bartley's Store.

ALMA STATE SAVINGS

BANK, ballots given on all savings accounts.

A. R. SMITH

Staple and Novelty Footwear 208 East Superior

F. E. WAITE GARAGE

Auto Repairing, Overhauling, Supplies, Oils and Greases.

L. C. STINCHCOMB

Insurance of All Kinds. Over Wright Estate Bldg.

E. J. HUBBARD, Plumbing and Heating.

C. A. SAWKINS PIANO CO.

G. V. WRIGHT, Furniture and Undertaking.

THE ALMA RECORD, votes given on all new or renewed subscriptions.

GOODES, the Clothier; Men's Wear and Custom Tailoring.

CHARLES R. MURPHY, Drugs.

GRIFFIN'S STUDIO, Viewing, Enlarging and Home Portrait Work.

A. W. DAVIS Barber Shop and Cigar Store

MILLER BROS. Groceries.

WELCH'S NOVELTY STORE General Line of Bazaar Goods.

GENESTA THEATER, votes given on all tickets.

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